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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman  
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From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

**SACRAMENTO UPDATE**

**PERATA ANNOUNCES SENATE LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

On January 17, 2007, Senate President pro Tempore Don Perata announced the members of the Senate leadership. They are listed below:

**Democratic Majority Leader** – Gloria Romero  
**Democratic Caucus Chair** – Carole Migden  
**Assistant President pro Tem** – Leland Yee  
**Republican Leader** – Dick Ackerman  
**Assistant Republican Leader** – Dennis Hollingsworth  
**Republican Caucus Chair** – George Runner  
**Republican Caucus Whip** – Dave Cogdill

Committee chairs and members are listed in an attachment. We are still awaiting the announcement of Assembly committee members.

## **COUNTY PURSUIT OF SPONSORSHIP**

### **Tippler's Tax**

Senator Gloria Romero has introduced legislation in the past on behalf of the County to establish a local alcohol tax authority, most recently SB 656 (Romero) in February of 2005, which failed to pass the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. Senator Romero intends to reintroduce legislation identical to SB 656 in the current session, and has asked the County to sponsor the measure. **Consistent with County policy to sponsor legislation to authorize counties to impose a local tax of no more than 5 percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages in order to continue to provide essential public services, including emergency and trauma care, our Sacramento advocates will communicate to Senator Romero the County's intention to sponsor this new measure.**

### **Laura's Law**

County-supported AB 1421 (Thomson) of the statutes of 2002, known as Laura's Law, allowed counties the option to create an assisted outpatient treatment program to provide intensive treatment for adults whose mental illness currently prevents them from seeking or accepting help. The bill represented a major effort to balance an individual's due process rights with the necessary provision of mental health treatment. In 2003, the County Department of Mental Health (DMH) implemented a voluntary pilot Assisted Outpatient Treatment program for mentally ill individuals in the criminal justice system on misdemeanor charges, and continues to operate the pilot program.

In 2006, AB 2357 (Karnette) extended the sunset date for Laura's Law from January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2013. However, DMH indicates that AB 2357 did not address several features of Laura's Law that limited its implementation in this County. These include lack of State funding, restrictions on County use of funds, and limits to effective mental health intervention treatment. **Consistent with County policy to support reform to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act and related laws that assist and protect the mentally ill, and to support fully funded outpatient treatment and services for individuals who may be involuntarily committed, as well as prior County support for AB 1421, our Sacramento advocates will seek an author to amend Laura's Law to improve implementation in the County.**

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We will continue to keep you advised.

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California Contract Cities Association  
Independent Cities Association  
League of California Cities  
City Managers Associations  
Buddy Program Participants

## ATTACHMENT

### SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

Los Angeles County Delegation members are indicated with an asterisk.

**Agriculture:** Abel Maldonado (Chair), Denise Ducheny (Vice Chair), Jeff Denham, Dean Florez, and Sheila Kuehl\*.

**Appropriations:** Tom Torlakson (Chair), Dave Cox (Vice Chair), Sam Aanestad, Roy Ashburn, Jim Battin, Ron Calderon\*, Gil Cedillo\*, Ellen Corbett, Lou Correa, Bob Dutton, Dean Florez, Sheila Kuehl\*, Jenny Oropeza\*, George Runner\*, and Leland Yee.

**Banking, Finance, and Insurance:** Mike Machado (Chair), George Runner\* (Vice Chair), Lou Correa, Dave Cox, Dean Florez, Dennis Hollingsworth, Alan Lowenthal\*, Bob Margett\*, Gloria Romero\*, Jack Scott\*, and Patricia Wiggins.

**Budget and Fiscal Review:** Denise Ducheny (Chair), Dennis Hollingsworth (Vice Chair), Elaine Alquist, Dave Cogdill, Bob Dutton, Christine Kehoe, Alan Lowenthal\*, Mike Machado, Bob Margett\*, Alex Padilla\*, Jack Scott\*, Joe Simitian, Darrell Steinberg, and Mark Wyland.

- **Subcommittee No. 1 on Education:** Jack Scott\* (Chair), Bob Margett\* and Joe Simitian
- **Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy:** Alan Lowenthal\* (Chair), Darrell Steinberg, and Mark Wyland
- **Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services:** Elaine Alquist (Chair), Dave Cogdill, and Alex Padilla\*
- **Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration, General Government, Judicial, and Transportation:** Mike Machado (Chair), Bob Dutton, Christine Kehoe

**Business, Professions and Economic Development:** Mark Ridley-Thomas\* (Chair), Sam Aanestad (Vice Chair), Ellen Corbett, Jeff Denham, Dean Florez, Tom Harman, Joe Simitian, and Leland Yee.

**Education:** Jack Scott\* (Chair), Mark Wyland (Vice Chair), Elaine Alquist, Jeff Denham, Abel Maldonado, Alex Padilla\*, Gloria Romero\*, Joe Simitian, and Tom Torlakson.

**Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments:** Ron Calderon\* (Chair), Jim Battin (Vice Chair), Dave Cogdill, Carole Migden, and Jenny Oropeza\*.

**Energy, Utilities and Communications:** Christine Kehoe (Chair), Bob Dutton (Vice Chair), Jim Battin, Ron Calderon\*, Dave Cox, Alex Padilla\*, Mark Ridley-Thomas\*, Joe Simitian, and Patricia Wiggins.

**Environmental Quality:** Joe Simitian (Chair), George Runner\* (Vice Chair), Sam Aanestad, Dean Florez, Sheila Kuehl\*, Alan Lowenthal\*, and Darrell Steinberg.

**Ethics:** Alan Lowenthal\* (Chair), Dick Ackerman (Vice Chair), Ellen Corbett, and Tom McClintock\*.

**Governmental Organization:** Dean Florez (Chair), Jeff Denham (Vice Chair), Jim Battin, Abel Maldonado, Gloria Negrete-McLeod\*, Ed Vincent\*, Patricia Wiggins, Mark Wyland, and Leland Yee.

**Health:** Sheila Kuehl\* (Chair), Sam Aanestad (Vice Chair), Elaine Alquist, Gil Cedillo\*, Dave Cox, Abel Maldonado, Gloria Negrete-McLeod\*, Mark Ridley-Thomas\*, Mark Wyland, and Leland Yee.

**Human Services:** Elaine Alquist (Chair), Tom Harman (Vice Chair), Dave Cogdill, Gloria Romero\*, and Leland Yee.

**Judiciary:** Ellen Corbett (Chair), Tom Harman (Vice Chair), Dick Ackerman, Sheila Kuehl\*, and Darrell Steinberg.

**Labor and Industrial Relations:** Carole Migden (Chair), Mark Wyland (Vice Chair), Dick Ackerman, Sheila Kuehl\*, and Alex Padilla\*.

**Local Government:** Gloria Negrete-McLeod\* (Chair), Dave Cox (Vice Chair), Tom Harman, Christine Kehoe, and Mike Machado.

**Natural Resources and Water:** Darrell Steinberg (Chair), Bob Margett\* (Vice Chair), Dennis Hollingsworth, Christine Kehoe, Sheila Kuehl\*, Mike Machado, Carole Migden, and Vacancy.

**Public Employment and Retirement:** Patricia Wiggins (Chair), Roy Ashburn (Vice Chair), Tom McClintock\*, Carole Migden, and Gloria Negrete-McLeod\*.

**Public Safety:** Gloria Romero\* (Chair), Dave Cogdill (Vice Chair), Gil Cedillo\*, Bob Margett\*, and Mark Ridley-Thomas\*.

**Revenue and Taxation:** Jenny Oropeza\* (Chair), Dave Cogdill (Vice Chair), Elaine Alquist, Tom Harman, Mike Machado, Carole Migden, George Runner\*, and Jack Scott\*.

**Rules:** Don Perata (Chair), Roy Ashburn (Vice Chair), Gil Cedillo\*, Bob Dutton, and Alex Padilla\*.

**Transportation and Housing:** Alan Lowenthal\* (Chair), Tom McClintock\* (Vice Chair), Roy Ashburn, Gil Cedillo\*, Dave Cogdill, Ellen Corbett, Bob Dutton, Christine Kehoe, Jenny Oropeza\*, Joe Simitian, and Tom Torlakson.

**Veterans Affairs:** Mark Wyland (Chair), Gloria Negrete-McLeod\* (Vice Chair), Lou Correa, Jeff Denham, and Patricia Wiggins.